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Message from the Dean: The Golden Thread

"Caring is the shining thread of gold that holds together the tapestry of life." -Ida V. Moffett



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Spring is in the air and the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is buzzing with activity. The spring 2013 semester has already proven to be a time of excitement and growth for our school and programs and we have much to look forward to in the coming months.

As you saw in the last issue of *The Pulse*, *U.S News & World Report* recently ranked our graduate programs among the best in the nation for online education. We are blessed by the opportunities this creates for us. As you will see in this issue, we are delighted to launch a new track within the Master of Science in Nursing program, Health Systems Management and Leadership. We are committed to equipping nurses with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in today's health care environment, and we strongly believe that this program will empower nurses to effectively lead their organizations into the future.

Speaking of preparing graduates for the future, it was recently announced that Samford University will create a College of Health Sciences,

for which I will have the pleasure of serving as Vice Provost. I will continue in my role as Dean of the nursing school and I am humbled by this opportunity to help lead such an important initiative within our university. I hope that you will take time to learn more about the new college on page two of this issue.

The impetus for creating a College of Health Sciences is multifaceted. The major force driving the need to create the college is to address the current and growing shortage of well prepared and available health care professionals for the 21st Century. The college will also position Samford to remain competitive in higher education and to significantly increase its enrollment and visibility over the next five to ten years. Finally, the most important reason for creating the new college is that it will be founded on Samford's Christian heritage and values which will extend the university's mission to new groups of students who will directly carry that mission to patients and their families daily.



The new college will create numerous opportunities for the nursing school to expand its reach and interact with other health related disciplines. We will continue to keep you updated on the new college in the days and months ahead; be sure to follow us on our social media sites and to check our website for updates.

As we continue to grow and evolve along with the changing demands in health care, we remain immensely grateful for your support. Without your gifts of time, talent and resources, our success would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Nena F. Sanders, DSN, RN
Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor

Samford Announces New College of Health Sciences



In one of the most far-reaching academic changes in recent history, Samford University's board of trustees executive committee gave preliminary approval Feb. 26 for a new College of Health Sciences, effective with the 2013-14 academic year.

The new college, when fully developed, will include the existing Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and McWhorter School of Pharmacy, as well as two new units: a School of Health-Related Professions and a School of Community and Public Health. The department of kinesiology and nutrition science, currently housed in the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, will move to the new college as part of the School of Health-Related Professions.

In proposing the new academic unit, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland noted that it brings together three of the university's strongest and most popular academic programs - nursing, kinesiology and pharmacy - and opens new doors for Samford to expand professional training in other health-related fields. Almost one-third of Samford's undergraduate and graduate/professional program students already are studying in health-related fields, including pre-professional programs for medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy and veterinary



medicine.

Westmoreland said trustee endorsement of the concept is the "first step toward placing the proposed programs within our regular framework for review and approval." Other details about the new college still are being finalized, including potential new majors and degrees. The university is exploring collaborative opportunities within existing Samford academic programs, as well as emerging opportunities in the rapidly changing health-care field. Implementation will be a multi-year process.

"Given Samford's longstanding commitment to prepare students for meaningful lives of service to God and humankind, a College of Health Sciences fits easily within our mission," he added. The proposed college will result in "a comprehensive academic unit that combines the resources, talents and energy of existing health-related programs within Samford in a manner that will best serve the university in the future."

Samford Provost and Executive Vice President J. Bradley Creed also announced that Nena F. Sanders, the current nursing dean, will assume a new role as vice provost and will oversee planning

for and implementation of the new College of Health Sciences. Sanders will continue as nursing dean, at least during the time of planning and implementation.

"Without her vast knowledge of the anticipated needs in health care over the next two decades, her contacts in the field, and her detailed understanding of curricular and staffing needs, it would be impossible for us to consider this undertaking," Westmoreland said.

Sanders noted that the trend in higher education is to establish a College of Health Sciences to meet market demand for health-care professionals and to maximize shared resources across schools and programs, among other objectives. Many health-care organizations are promoting interprofessional and interdisciplinary training, Sanders said, and the new College for Health Sciences provides that framework for Samford. The new college also has the potential to touch every existing academic unit on campus.

A new Center for Faith and Health also is proposed as part of the College, providing a model for "interprofessional practice, scholarship and service that focuses on faith, health, end of life and ethics," Sanders said. The center would provide a framework for faith and health initiatives already in existence at Samford and new opportunities globally.

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[Click here to read the full release about the new College of Health Sciences](#)

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Deadline Approaching for Courage to Care Nominations: Act Now!

With the 90th Anniversary behind us, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is pleased to resume the tradition of the annual Courage to Care Awards.

The Courage to Care Awards recognize outstanding Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing alumni who exemplify the Moffett Maxims

through their current or past practice as registered nurses.

Help us recognize Moffett Nurses by submitting nominations.

Nominations will be accepted now through April 15, 2013.

[Download the nomination materials here](#) and [visit our website for regular updates.](#)

Recipients will be notified of their selection in early summer.

Nominate a Moffett Nurse today!

Recipients will be honored at an elegant Gala on Friday, October 11, 2013 at B & A Warehouse.

Please save the date.



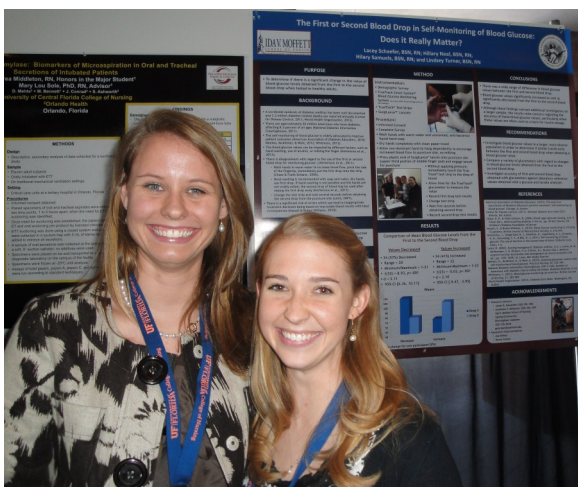
School of Nursing Hosts Parish Nursing Course

On March 10, the Foundations for Parish Nursing Preparatory Class commissioned 13 new parish nurses at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala. The parish nurse role is a health-promotion, risk-reduction, disease-prevention nursing role that focuses on care of the whole person, holding the spiritual dimensions to be central to the practice.

To learn more about the school's Parish Nursing programs, [click here](#).



Graduates Present at Southern Nursing Research Society Conference



Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing graduates' research abstract, "The First or Second Blood Drop in Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose: Does it Really Matter?" was among only 21 abstracts selected by the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) as a Top Student Poster Discussion Presentation for inclusion in the 2013 conference program. The research was conducted by 2011 graduates,

Lacey Schaefer, Hillary Neal, Hilary Samuels, and Lindsey Turner while taking the *Research Basic to Nursing Interventions* course taught by **Dr. Janet Alexander** and mentored by **Dr. Gretchen McDaniel**.

Lacey Schaefer and Hillary Neal presented the poster at the annual Southern Nursing Research Society Conference, *Expanding Networks of Knowledge for Healthcare Innovations*, on February 28 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Learn How Your
Organization and Career
Can Benefit from Better**

Managers

**Join us for an
Informal Breakfast
Conversation**

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Drop in before work.

The Rotunda

Samford University

If you are unable to attend, please call 205-726-2328 or e-mail rbrazil@samford.edu to schedule a personal visit.

School of Nursing Announces New M.S.N. Program

In response to the nation’s need for nurse managers and leaders in the 21st century health-care system, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is pleased to announce a new track within the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program. The Health Systems Management and Leadership track is designed to provide nurse leaders with the competencies necessary to successfully perform their organizational roles. The growing emphasis on patient-centered care, safety, quality

improvement, evidence-based practice and interdisciplinary coordinated care in all settings requires nurses to be prepared at the advanced practice level. Without the knowledge, skills, and abilities to manage daily operations, many nurse leaders become frustrated and staff can sense their lack of confidence. Graduates from the Health Systems Management and Leadership program will be well-prepared to significantly impact patient, staff and organizational

outcomes.

Students already possessing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), can earn their M.S.N. in Health Systems Management and Leadership in only five semesters. The R.N. to M.S.N. option is available for nurses who hold the Associate Degree in Nursing (A.S.N.) and it requires five additional course work or bridge courses over two semesters. The program is online with required attendance for orientation and selected other dates. [Learn more.](#)

Class of 1973 Celebrates 40th Reunion

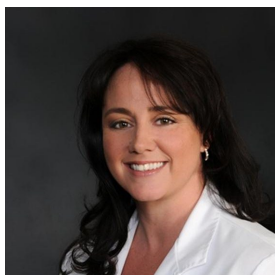


The class of 1973 celebrated its 40th Reunion on Saturday March 9. The day of events began with a brunch at the beautiful home of Dr. Brian and Mrs. Suzie Larson in Leeds, Ala. The festivities concluded with an evening of music, fun

and laughter with the group "Three On A String" playing favorites from the 1970s at Local Color in Springville, Ala.



Accolades, Honors and Acknowledgements— Alumni and Students



Dr. Lori Lioce

Marylee Bressie, DNP 2012, accepted a position as Assistant Professor at University of Arkansas Ft. Smith.

Lori Lioce, DNP 2010, was recently announced as a 2013 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAAN). As such, she will continue the tradition of impacting national and global

health through her outstanding contributions. She will be inducted at a ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev. in June.

Students Mark Your Calendars for the Nursing Career Expo

Join us Wednesday, March 27 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Pete Hannah Center for our annual Nursing Career Expo. The event is open to all nursing students and is an excellent opportunity to meet potential employers.

Join the Moffett Nurse Network for our Upcoming Events

Join the **MOFFETT NURSE NETWORK** in Tuscaloosa, Alabama!

Pottery Painting Party

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

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All attendees will paint a piece of pottery while enjoying food and fellowship. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. R.S.V.P. to Katie Stripling at kstripli@samford.edu or 205-726-2265

Celebrating the
10TH ANNIVERSARY
of the reopening of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Samford University

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Department of Nurse Anesthesia Reception

Friday, April 26, 2013

5:30–7 p.m.

Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort
Destin, Fla.

Please make plans to join us while
attending the ALANA Spring Meeting.

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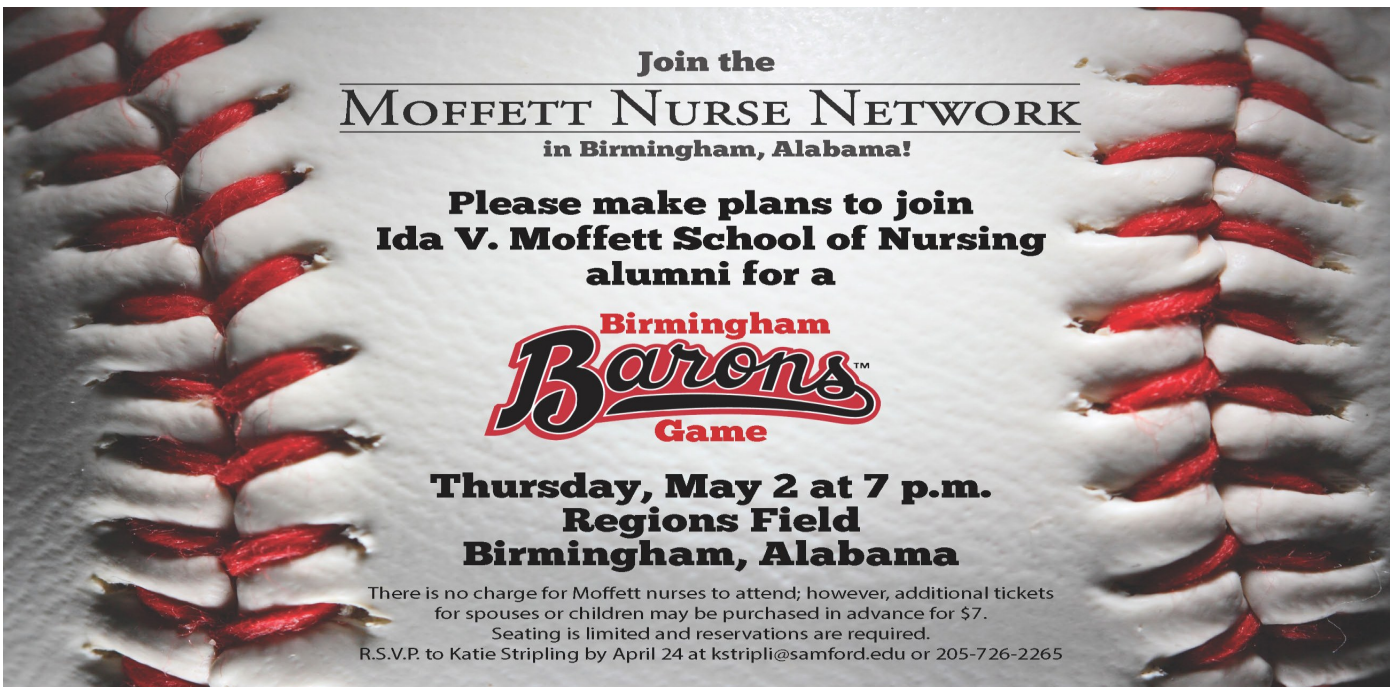
Join the **MOFFETT NURSE NETWORK** in Birmingham, Alabama!

Please make plans to join
Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing
alumni for a

Birmingham
Barons[™]
Game

Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m.
Regions Field
Birmingham, Alabama

There is no charge for Moffett nurses to attend; however, additional tickets for spouses or children may be purchased in advance for \$7. Seating is limited and reservations are required. R.S.V.P. to Katie Stripling by April 24 at kstripli@samford.edu or 205-726-2265





Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is to nurture students while providing quality education in a Christian environment that prepares caring, competent and compassionate graduates with a commitment to service, scholarship, life-long learning and professional practice.

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Dates to Remember:

- **March 27:** Nursing Career Expo
- **April 9:** Tuscaloosa Alumni Painting Party
- **April 15:** Courage to Care Awards nomination deadline
- **April 19:** Awards Day
- **April 26:** Nurse Anesthesia Reception in Destin, Fla.
- **May 2:** Birmingham Alumni Event at the Barons game
- **May 3:** Advisory Board Meeting
- **May 17:** Pinning and Commencement
- **October 11:** Courage to Care Gala



Insider Video: Hear from undergraduate students why they chose the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing

Share Your News!

If you know of any student, faculty, or alumni awards, presentations, conferences, scholarships, photographs or any other announcements, etc. that you would like posted in the next edition of The Pulse, please send them to kstripli@samford.edu or call 205-726-2265.

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